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**Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$2.38 Million to Support  
Winthrop's Centre Business District**

*MassWorks Infrastructure Funding supports local development and job growth*

**WINTHROP** – Today the Baker-Polito Administration announced a \$2.38 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant to the Town of Winthrop to redevelop the Centre Business District. Funding will be used for significant public infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, roadway, sidewalk and streetscape improvements.

"We are proud to support Winthrop's long-term planning efforts to revitalize the Centre Business District and create opportunities for new, mixed-use development," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "The MassWorks Infrastructure Program allows us to make targeted, impactful investments in the economic future and growth of our cities and towns and the job opportunities available to Massachusetts residents."

"Winthrop has done an outstanding job of planning for future growth, and these resources enable them to complete critical infrastructure improvements to continue their momentum," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "We are pleased to have opportunities like this around the Commonwealth to partner with municipal leaders on advancing local and regional economic development goals."

The MassWorks award also furthers the completion of Winthrop's masterplan for the revitalization of the Centre Business District and reuse of a former middle school on a

neighboring site. The creation of a master-plan was funded through an [Urban Agenda Economic Development Planning Grant from the Baker-Polito Administration](#) in January 2016. Winthrop also received supplementary funding from MassDevelopment and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council DLTA program.

“When we give communities access to a diverse set of resources, we can accelerate the pace of thoughtful long-term planning that supports increased economic activity and gives towns the ability to fulfill their community vision,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash**. “I congratulate Winthrop on their foresight and smart planning to revitalize the Centre Business District to attract new private investment to the town.”

“I am thrilled that Winthrop has received this grant and I wholeheartedly thank the Baker Administration,” said **House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo**. “Winthrop is a special place for many reasons including its geography and tightknit community. The small and local businesses in our town are uniquely positioned for growth because of these factors, among others. I look forward to the infrastructure improvements that will help spur economic growth in Winthrop.”

"The Centre Business District is Winthrop's economic engine," **said Senator Joseph Boncore**. "This MassWorks grant will provide an essential investment in the future of our town."

“This will be a transformational investment for Winthrop Centre and for the Town of Winthrop as a whole,” **said Winthrop Town Manager James McKenna**

"The Winthrop Town Council and I appreciate the investment the state is making in the redevelopment of Winthrop Centre and we thank Governor Baker, Speaker DeLeo, Senator Boncore and Secretary Ash for working with us to make this a reality,” **said Winthrop Town Council President Russ Sanford**. “Winthrop has been working for several years on plans to redevelop and re-energize Winthrop Centre. The state's investment in our community now, shows that we are on the right track and that the future of our wonderful town is very bright. It is a very exciting time here in Winthrop and I could not be prouder of our community."

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support housing production, economic development, and job creation.

In August 2016, Governor Baker signed [An Act Relative to Job Creation and Workforce Development \(H.4569\)](#) to reauthorize MassWorks and support \$500 million of future investment in critical infrastructure, a significant commitment by the

Commonwealth. The Baker-Polito Administration has increased MassWorks funding by \$35 million over the past two fiscal years. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$190 million to 89 projects in communities throughout the Commonwealth.

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